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SUBJECT: GISCARD-SCHMIDT TALKS

REF: (A) PARIS 13541, (B) BONN 8467

BEGIN SUMMARY: RELIABLE FONOFF EC POLITICAL INTEGRATION

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DEPARTMENT SOURCE HAS PROVIDED INITIAL BRIEFING

ON GISCARD-SCHMIDT MEETING IN PARIS, WHICH EVIDENTLY CENTERED ON EC PROBLEMS IN GENERAL AND PROBLEMS OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC STABILITY IN PARTICULAR. THE TWO LEADERS MET MOSTLY TETE-A-TETE AND SCHMIDT INDICATED TO ASSOCIATES THAT RESULTS OF MEETING WILL ONLY BECOME KNOWN, IF AT ALL, FOLLOWING EC COUNCIL MEETINGS ON RENEGOTIATION AND OTHER TOPICS. REPORT BELOW CONTAINS SUMMARY OF MEETING DICTATED BY SCHMIDT AND RELEASED WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION TO PRESS BY FRG SPOKESMAN. SCHMIDT ALSO INDICATED THAT EC SUMMIT UNLIKELY DURING GERMAN PRESIDENCY. FRENCH VOICED SUPPORT FOR GYMnich UNDERSTANDING BUT CAUTIONED AGAINST OVERLY STRUCTURED CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. SEPTel FOLLOWS ON EC RENEGOTIATION ISSUES. END SUMMARY

UP OF OUTSIDE SPECIALISTS REPRESENTING THE VARIOUS BRANCHES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE USERS, ON THE PRACTICAL FEASIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED INTEGRATION OF FUNCTIONS AND MECHANISMS, AND REPORTS TO THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE;

(2) THAT THE PROPOSED INTEGRATION SHOULD BE ACHIEVED WITH PRUDENCE ON THE BASIS OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE UNISIST PROGRAMME TO PRESERVE ITS COHERENCE AND MAINTAIN ITS MOMENTUM."

2. ABOVE DR HAS BEEN CO-SPONSORED BY FINLAND, FRG, JAPAN, EGYPT AND UK. USDEL IN PROCESS OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS.

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WOULD NOT FOLLOW A POLICY OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND
WAS READY TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD AN EC ECONOMIC STABILITY
PROGRAM. POINT B OF THE CHANCELLOR'S SUMMARY IS THUS
THE HEART OF THE MATTER.

4. AS FAR AS OUR FONOFF SOURCE KNEW, BOTH SCHMIDT AND
GISCARD EXPRESSED INTENTION TO EXAMINE NEW GOALS AND NEW
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STEPS ON THE WAY TO EUROPEAN UNIFICATION,"BUT NOT MUCH
WAS SAID ABOUT 1980 OR EUROPEAN UNION." OUR SOURCE
THOUGHT THIS WAS DUE TO GISCARD'S AGREEMENT WITH
SCHMIDT'S BELIEF THAT EUROPE SHOULD CONCENTRATE AT THIS
TIME ON ITS ECONOMIC CRISIS RATHER THAN ON LONG TERM
POLITICAL GOALS. THIS SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER MANIFESTATION
OF SCHMIDT'S GOVERNMENT DECLARATION SLOGAN "CONTINUITY
AND CONCENTRATION" WITH THE EMPHASIS AGAIN ON
CONCENTRATION ON THE ISSUES IMMEDIATELY AT HAND.

5. AS FAR AS OUR SOURCE KNEW, SCHMIDT AND GISCARD DID
NOT SPEND MUCH TIME ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION OR
THE SNAKE. HE THOUGHT THEY DID DISCUSS THE GOLD
PROBLEM BUT HAD NO DETAILS. WE WILL CHECK FURTHER ON
THIS AND OTHER ECONOMIC ISSUES.

6. OUR SOURCE SAID THE FONOFF HAD PREPARED A PAPER,
BEFORE SCHMIDT'S TRIP TO PARIS, RECOMMENDING AGAINST
RPT AGAINST CONVENING AN EC SUMMIT IN BONN BEFORE THE

END OF THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY. THE FONOFF HAD ARGUED THAT IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WOULD NOT BE MATURE FOR SUMMIT LEVEL DECISIONS AND WARNED AGAINST THE DANGERS OF "ANOTHER COPENHAGEN." MOREOVER, THE FONOFF PAPER CITED REPORTS FROM LONDON THAT "WILSON AND CALLAGHAN ARE NOT VERY KEEN ON ATTENDING EC SUMMITS AT THIS STAGE," AS THIS COULD MERELY COMPLICATE THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE BRITISH PUBLIC AND WITH SOME OF THEIR CABINET COLLEAGUES. OUR SOURCE SAID SCHMIDT FULLY AGREED. SCHMIDT REPORTEDLY SPOKE RATHER CONTEMPTUOUSLY ABOUT THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT AND SAID HE DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF EC-9 SUMMITS.

7. WE UNDERSTAND THE U.S./EUROPEAN CONSULTATION ISSUE ALSO CAME UP BRIEFLY IN PARIS WITH THE FRENCH

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ADHERING TO THE POSITION THAT INFORMING OF AND CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S. WAS A GOOD THING AS LONG AS IT WAS NOT OVERLY STRUCTURED OR FORMALIZED. THERE WAS NO BACKING AWAY FROM THE GYMnich UNDERSTANDING.

8. WE ARE REPORTING BY SEPTTEL CONCERNING
EC RENEGOTIATION ISSUE
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9. WE UNDERSTAND SCHMIDT AND GISCARD AGREED THAT THE NEXT FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT, PURSUANT TO THE ELYSEE'S TREATY, WOULD OCCUR IN JULY AT BONN. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY SUCH SUMMIT THIS YEAR. IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT SAUVAGNARGUES WILL STAY IN BONN JUNE 12 FOLLOWING THE JUNE 10-11 EC-9 POLITICAL MINISTERIAL AT WHICH TIME HE WILL BE GIVEN HIS FAREWELL DINNER AS FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND WILL HAVE DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER.

10. COMMENT: WHILE DETAILS OF GISCARD-SCHMIDT MEETING SO FAR REMAIN UNKNOWN IN FRG BUREAUCRACY, GERMAN FONOFF OFFICIALS DEALING WITH EC AND FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS ARE EVINCING BUCK FEVER. AFTER LONG DROUGHT IN BONN-

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PARIS RELATIONS, THE GERMANS ARE CLEARLY HOPING THAT
"VALERY-HELMUT CONNECTION" WILL RESCUE EC FROM SERIOUS
POLITICO-ECONOMIC CRISES AND HELP RE-INVIGORATE U.S./
EUROPEAN RELATIONS. GERMAN HOPE IS THAT ARRIVAL OF
GISCARD AT ELYSEE WILL SAVE BONN FROM HAVING TO
CHOOSE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PARIS AND WILL, IN TIME,
ALSO LEAD TO MORE FORTHCOMING FRENCH POSITIONS ON
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DEFENSE ISSUES.

11. RESPONSIBLE GERMAN OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THAT TRANS-
LATION OF THE ABOVE ATMOSPHERICS WILL NOT BE EASY.
THESE OFFICIALS ARE DISCOURAGING WIDESPREAD PRESS
SPECULATION OF A "FRANCO-GERMAN AXIS," BUT, LIKE
SAUVAGNARGUES GERMAN TV INTERVIEW LAST WEEK, ARE
SPEAKING OF "EXEMPLARY RELATIONSHIP." BORDERS OF THAT
EXAMPLE REMAIN TO BE TESTED AND PROBABLY WILL BE
TOUGHEST IN FIELDS OF DEFENSE (E.G. PLUTON ISSUE - SEE
BONN 7945) AND ECONOMICS/FINANCE.

12. THE ATMOSPHERIC RENAISSANCE IN FRANCO-GERMAN RELA-
TIONS OCCURS AT A TIME WHEN BONN'S RELATIONS WITH THE
CURRENT BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT LACK THE SPIRIT OF
TRUST AND CONFIDENCE THAT CHARACTERIZED THE PREVIOUS
FIVE YEARS. THE BRITISH POSITION ON EC RENEGOTIATION
HAS EMBITTERED MANY GERMAN OFFICIALS; LONDON'S "DEFENSE
REVIEW" IS BEING OBSERVED HERE WITH WARINESS AND
APPREHENSION.

13. IN EVALUATING THE ABOVE TRENDS, IT IS PROBABLY
ENOUGH FOR NOW TO REGISTER THE RATHER SHARP SHIFT IN
ATMOSPHERICS AFFECTING BONN'S RELATIONS WITH LONDON
AND PARIS, AND TO RECALL THE GERMAN SAYING THAT "THE
DEVIL LIES IN THE DETAILS."
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